maintained between the population of a State and the number of judges to be provided for the High Court of that State ;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions made for different States;

(c) what is the present ratio obtaining in the High Courts of different States; and

(d) whether it is proposed to appoint more judges to different High Courts in pursuance of the Law Commission's recommendations.

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The Report of the Law Commission does not indicate any judge-population ratio in respect of High Courts.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There has not been any study in this regard.

(d) Does not arise.

सिंचाई क्षमता का उपयोग

***447. श्री राम नरेश यादव :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में बड़ी और मध्यम सिंचाई परियोजनाओं से प्राप्त सिंचाई क्षमता का उपयोग छोटी सिंचाई परियोजनाओं से प्राप्त सिंचाई क्षमता के औसत उपयोग के बराबर नहीं है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि बड़ी और मध्यम स्तर की सिंचाई परियोजनाओं से प्राप्त सिंचाई क्षमता की तुलना में छोटी सिंचाई परियोजनाओं से प्राप्त सिंचाई क्षमता का अधिक उपयोग किया जाता है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार देश में भविष्य की योजनाएं बनाते समय छोटी सिंचाई परियोजनाओं को प्राथमिकता देने का विचार रखती है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्री तथा जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री० बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ग) छठी योजना के अन्त तक, वृहद और मध्यम सिंचाई से 30.01 मिलियन हेक्टेयर और लघु सिंचाई कार्यों से 37.52 मिलियन हेक्टेयर की सिंचाई क्षमता सृजित की गयी है । इसका उपयोग क्रमश. 25.33 मि० हे० है और 35.25 मिलियन हेक्टेयर है ।

लघु सिंचाई के विकास पर पहले ही यथोचित ध्यान दिया जा रहा है । सातवीं योजना के लिए अतिरिक्त सिंचाई क्षमता लक्ष्य का दो-तिहाई भाग लघु सिंचाई से प्राप्त करना है ।

Sale of U.S. 155 mm. Howitzers to Pakistan

*448. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether United States has decided to sell to Pakistan 155mm. Howitzers at a cost of 40 million dollars : and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up this issue with US Government to persuade the Reagan Administration to drop the decision ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARA-

SIMHA RAO) : (a) On the 10th August, 1988, the US. Administration notified the Congress of its intention to supply forty 155mm Howitzer guns, along with spare parts, to Pakistan at a cost of $40 million.

(b) On several occasions Government have conveyed to the U.S. Government Indias' serious concern at the supply of sophisticated U.S. arms to Pakistan.

Elections to provincial council in Sri Lanka

*449. SHRI T.R. BALU :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of provincial council elections that were held in Sri Lanka under Indo-Shri Lanka agreement:

(b) what are the specific reasons for not conducting provincial council elections in North and Eastern provinces:

(c) by when these elections are expected to be held: and

(d) what steps are going to be taken by Government to persuade Sri Lanka to conduct these elections immediately under the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Election to seven Provincial Councils have been held in Sri Lanka.

(b) Elections to the North-Eastern Province have been delayed because of the continued violence indulged in by the LTTE.

(c) and (d) We are in touch with the Sri Lankan Government about these elections.

Rajasthan's request for share in Ganga and Yamuna Waters

*450. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan Government has requested for share in Ganga Waters;

(b) if so, what is the extent thereof;

(c) what action has been taken on their request;

(d) whether repeated requests have also been made by Rajasthan Government for share in Yumuna waters; and,

(e) if so, the details thereof with reaction of the Central Government ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Government of Rajasthan have made a proposal for divesion of surplus flood waters of the Ganga near Hardwar or Narora for utilisation in Rajasthan.

(c) No agreement could be reached at the technical level among the co-basin States on the quantum of available surplus flood waters. The Ganga Flood Contorl Board decided in January, 1988 to have this studied by the Central Water Commission.

(d) and (e) Rajasthan has claimed share in the Yamuna waters by virtue of being a co-basin State. It is the Central's policy to use its good offices to propmote amicable settlement among the co-basin States.